(c) whether Government would consider to recover the DESU arrear bills in instalments since a large number of consumers are low paid Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) According to DESU, the electricity Bills for old connections in the Aram Bagh area are being issued regularly. The bills of 172 new connections energised during December, 1989 to 22-6-1990 will be sent to the concerned consumers by the end of August, 1990. The position of billing in Vasant Vihar is also regular, except in the cases of new connections where the issuing of the first bill takes a longer time due to completion of a number of procedural formalities.

(c) According to DESU, in the event of delay in the issue of bills, the request of the consumers for making payment in instalments is accepted by them.

Expert committee report on Westland Helicopters

920. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the high level expert committee headed by Dr. S. A. Hussainy, Dirtector Technical Development and Production (Air) has submitted its report and has stated that Westland helicopters suffered from design and manufacturing defects resulting in loss of their operational reliability;

(b) whether Government have examined the report;

(c) if so, what are the main features of the report; and

(d) by what time Government are likely to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (d) After examination, the recommendations of the Hussainy Committee have been accepted by the Government and are under implementation. Copies of the report have been placed in the Parliament House Library.

Leasing out of A-320 aircraft by Indian Airlines

921. SHRI M. M. JACOB:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines is going to lease out the grounded A-320 aircraft to avoid further losses;

(b) whether Government have floated global tenders in this behalf; if so, the response received so far; and

(c) how far Government are justified to give permission to Indian Airlines to lease out these planes to other airlines when these planes have been grounded due to fault in the system which may result in the loss of human lives if operated?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) No proposal to lease out A-320 aircraft is presently under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

Private sector particiaption in power generation

922. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI JAGADISH JANI:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have invited private sector participation in power generation and distribu-